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1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SEE PARA. 2.
2. (C) UPON RECEIPT OF THE SECRETARIAT'S FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE COSTS OF DEPLOYING THIRTY ADDITIONAL POLICE OBSERVERS IN RWANDA, USUN SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER DELEGATIONS TO JOIN US IN THIS EFFORT.
3. (C) BEGIN TEXT OF PROPOSED USUN STATEMENT:

THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNAMIR POLICE OBSERVERS FROM 90 TO 120. WE THINK IT IS CRUCIAL TO HELP RE-ESTABLISH A CIVILIAN POLICE FORCE IN RWANDA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO BOLSTER CONFIDENCE AND CREATE CONDITIONS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE REFUGEE REPATRIATION AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATION IN ITS PRESIDENTIAL LETTER OF 10 FEBRUARY 1995 (S/1995/130). WE PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THE SUCCESS OF THE POLICE OBSERVER MISSION AND EXPECT IT TO MEET THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE
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EXPECTED COSTS THAT THIS INCREASE WOULD ENTAIL. WE HAVE EVERY EXPECTATION THAT THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS CAN BE OFFSET BY REPROGRAMMING PORTIONS OF THE UNAMIR BUDGET, RATHER THAN INCREASING THE OVERALL BUDGET. IN PARTICULAR, THERE MAY BE UNAMIR ELEMENTS THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE OVERALL MISSION, WHICH WOULD RELEASE FUNDS FOR THE ADDITIONAL POLICE TRAINERS.

END TEXT OF PROPOSED USUN STATEMENT.

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4. (C) USUN SHOULD CONVEY PRIVATELY TO APPROPRIATE UN OFFICIALS DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT THE UN POLICE OBSERVER AND TRAINING MISSION IN RWANDA SHOULD LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES IN CAMBODIA AND MOZAMBIQUE, REFTEL B. USUN SHOULD EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AT REPORTS THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE MISSION ARE NOT COMPETENT IN FRENCH AND THAT SOME CANNOT DRIVE. WE HOPE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WILL BE CHOSEN FROM THE WORLD'S BEST POLICE FORCES AND TRAINING INSTITUTES.

5. (C) AS APPROPRIATE, MISSION SHOULD ENSURE THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE UN SECRETARIAT UNDERSTAND THAT THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, NOT UNSC PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS, ARE THE PREFERRED VEHICLES FOR EXPANDING THE STRENGTH OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS OR MODIFYING THEIR MANDATES.
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